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Church News

November is the month for offerings for Education for the Ministry. Remittances should be made to Mr. John Stites, Treasurer, 110 Fifth Street, Louisville.

The third Sabbath in November or the day nearest thereto most convenient, is the time for an offering for the Endowment Fund of Ministerial Relief. Mr. John Stites, 110 Fifth Street, Louisville, Ky., is also treasurer of this cause. The funds are kept entirely separate, so be sure to specify for which your remittance is intended.

PRESBYTERIAN ORPHANS' HOME.

The Shelton Cottage of the Presbyterian Orphans' Home, Lynchburg, Virginia, was destroyed by fire on the morning of the 26th of October.

Despite heroic efforts, five dear little girls perished. The origin of the fire is unknown. The coroner's inquest said: "We are unable to ascertain the origin or cause of said fire, but are satisfied that it was an unavoidable accident."

In this cottage were our school rooms, dining room, store rooms, and kitchen. A matron, housekeeper, cook and all of our girls had their sleeping rooms in it. The matron is in a hospital ill from exposure,

the housekeeper is in bed, too, and the cook suffering very painful injuries received in her heroic efforts to save all of the children.

We are all crowded into the administration building. Lynchburg came nobly to our help, supplying clothing for present necessities.

The superintendent, before leaving for Synod, had purchased supplies, all of which were destroyed. His mail from October 12 to 25 was unopened, cared for by the matron.

Correspondents will please note the reason why no replies can be given to their letters, nor receipts given for remittances during that time. Write again and send duplicate checks.

Lynchburg came nobly to our assistance. The chamber of commerce has inaugurated a movement to rebuild and equip the home. Help must come from all quarters. The particulars of this effort will be given at an early day. Ladies came out from the city every day, giving most efficient help.

We must rebuild at once. Contributions for this purpose as well as for our daily bread will be thankfully received.

We are cast down, but not discouraged. With faith in God, who for some wise purpose, has suffered this calamity to befall us, we shall go forward. These helpless little ones belong to Him, and they must be cared for by His people.

Yours cordially,

Robert H. Fleming,
Superintendent.

ALABAMA.

Third Church, Birmingham: During the Synodical year, fifty-one persons were received into this church on profession of faith.

Demopolis: Rev. L. G. Hames has received a call to the church at Cartersville, Ga.

Selma: The Alabama Street Church has called Rev. F. G. Railey to its pastorate and he will be installed by Presbytery's commission at an early date.

Anniston: The resignation of Rev. J. G. Anderson, D. D., as pastor of the First Church will not necessitate his resignation as trustee of the Alabama Presbyterian College, for which he has done such valuable service. Dr. Anderson will enter upon the home mission work of North Alabama Presbytery.

A complaint to the Synod of Alabama: The North Alabama Presbytery has adopted a resolution in favor of the proposed prohibition amendment of Alabama's complaint. A complaint against the Presbytery has been entered by Rev. W. I. Sinnott on the ground that the action violates the constitution, in that the resolution is of a political nature. Its defenders argue that the proposed prohibition amendment is a moral rather than a political issue.

ARKANSAS.

Monticello: Eight members were added on October 10, making twenty-five received since the coming of the present pastor, Dr. J. W. Purcell, in June.

FLORIDA.

Plant City: Ministers and elders coming to the meeting of Synod November 9, will please notify us as early as possible, in order that arrangements may be made for their entertainment. They will be met at the trains and sent to the homes where they are to be entertained.

D. J. Parks,

Chairman of committee.

Bartow: At the communion service on the second Sabbath of October, three new members were received by letter. On the evening of the fourth Sabbath a missionary meeting of great interest was held, several members of the church taking part. The music was a special feature and was greatly enjoyed by the congregation. Several volunteers from the choirs of other churches kindly lent their aid. After devotional exercises, conducted by the pastor, Rev. W. T. Waller, Judge W. S. Preston, the clerk of the session, delivered an interesting address on "The Great Commission," which was well received. Mrs. M. S. McLeod, president of the Ladies' Missionary Society, read a beautiful and impressive paper upon the theme, "Woman's Part in the Great Movement to Evangelize the World." A pleasing and instructive reading by Mrs. Elinor Varn followed. Mrs. M. A. Waldo, of the Episcopal Church, rendered a beautiful solo. The feature of the evening was a masterly address by the Rev. J. C. Tims, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Tampa, in which was impressively shown the reflex influence of missions. The Gospel is intended for all men.

GEORGIA.

Atlanta, Central Church: Rev. L. C. Vass, of our African mission, spoke very interestingly of his work on the Congo, Sabbath morning. In the evening, Rev. J. P. Hall, of Plumtree, N. C., spoke on the work being done for the mountain boys by the Lees-McRae school.

Rev. L. C. Vass, of our mission on the Congo river in Africa, has been in Atlanta for several days. He brought with him his stereopticon and a beautiful set of views, representing life in Africa—the homes of the people, the barbarites suffered at the hands of the soldiers; natives with one hand cut off for failure to deliver a stent of India rubber, and of the progress of our mission work. He repeated his lecture at several of the churches to houses full of attentive listeners, and it was greatly enjoyed.

Jonesboro: This church has enjoyed a week's meeting, closing Sunday night. Dr. A. A. Little, of the Westminster Church, Atlanta, greatly delighted the people and the community by his strong, earnest gospel sermons. If our city pastors could spare more of their valuable time for such evangelistic work, many of the weak, struggling churches in small communities, could receive an uplift such as Jonesboro now rejoices in.

Rome, First Church: A meeting of two week's duration has just closed in this Church. Dr. Headden and Mr. Jarrell,